

Genus PSOPHODES, *Vig. & Horsf.*

Among the many novelties comprised in the present work is a second species of this form, of which only one was previously known.

168. *Psophodes crepitans* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 15.  
*Corvus auritus*, Lath. Gen. Hist. vol. iii. p. 42.  
 Inhabits the south-eastern parts of Australia.
169. *Psophodes nigrogularis*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 16.  
 This new species is a native of the western coast.

Genus SPHENOSTOMA, *Gould.*

Generic characters.

*Bill* very short, compressed laterally, wedge-shaped, upper mandible without a notch at the tip, two or three fine hairs at the base; *tomia* straight; *nostrils* basal, round, open; *wings* very short and round, the fourth, fifth and sixth primaries nearly equal and the longest; *tail* long and graduated; *tarsi* moderately long and strong, shielded before with several plates, entire behind; *toes* short, hind-toe strong, lateral toes unequal, the inner one the shortest.

The only known species of this genus frequents the sterile parts of the interior of Australia generally, particularly those portions of the country clothed with low shrubs and bushes.

170. *Sphenostoma cristata*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 17.

Genus MALURUS, *Vieill.*

The members of this genus are among the most beautiful of the Australian birds; in no group, in fact, with the exception of the *Trochilide* or Humming-birds, is the splendour of their plumage excelled. Their gay attire is, however, only assumed during the pairing season, and is retained for a very short period, after which the sexes are alike in colouring.

The genus is strictly an Australian one, and with one or two exceptions, all the species are confined to the southern parts of the continent and Van Diemen's Land.

171. *Malurus cyaneus* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 18.  
 172. *Malurus longicaudus*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 19.  
 173. *Malurus melanotus*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 20.  
 174. *Malurus splendens* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 21.  
 175. *Malurus elegans*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 22.  
 176. *Malurus pulcherrimus*, *Gould* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 23.  
 177. *Malurus Lamberti*, *Vig. & Horsf.* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 24.  
 178. *Malurus leucopterus*, *Quoy & Gaim.* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 25.  
 179. *Malurus melanocephalus*, *Vig. & Horsf.* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 26.  
 180. *Malurus Brownii*, *Vig. & Horsf.* . . . . . Vol. III. Pl. 27.

Genus AMYTIS, *Less.*

A form nearly allied to *Malurus*, strictly Australian, and of which three species are known, inhabiting the southern half of the country and not occurring in Van Diemen's Land.